

December 9, 2025

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Vice-Chairman Steve Gordon. Members present: Marc Dick and Charles Liesinger. Absent: Chuck Mehlbrech and Tom Heumiller, attending Growth Summit conference through Sioux Metro Growth Alliance.

Vice-Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Gordon called for approval of the agenda. Motion Liesinger to approve the agenda as posted. Second Dick. Motion carried.

The minutes from the November 20th and November 25th meetings were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Liesinger to approve these minutes for publication. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Public comments were provided by Roger Hofer, Barb Hoiten, Doreen Quinn, and Gloria Rayman.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, reported that the transmission went out of 2013 F150 pickup; 294,000 miles, won't be repaired. Raap noted that McCormick Motors has a 2014 F250 pickup, 129,000 miles, price \$14139, that he'd like to purchase. Motion Dick to approve the purchase of the 2014 F250 pickup. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Motion Dick to declare fixed asset #1036, 2013 F150 pickup, surplus property as it's no longer usable. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Raap informed the Board that Geronimo Power (Grant Solar) has requested a meeting on December 11th to discuss ground penetrating radar evaluation on 446th Ave, S out of Canistota, prior to the solar panel project beginning. Current projects include stockpiling chips and snow removal. Raap asked the Board if they are okay with him checking with Purple Wave Auction, an online auction house, regarding procedures for selling used vehicles through them. Yes.

Motion Dick to enter Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, was present. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Vice-Chairman Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.

Motion Dick to convene as Planning Commission. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented the sub-division plan, elevation maps, covenants, and the plat for the Sub-Division being planned by Donald Larson (present) & Donna Larson. Mike Healy and Jason Dabbert were also present. Dabbert voiced concerns about drainage and placement of culverts. Larson and Healy pointed out drainage and culvert locations on the plans/maps, noting that those items have been addressed. With no further discussion/input, motion Dick to approve the Sub-Division Final Plan and the plat resolution. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Larson's Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 101 North, Range 53 West of the 5TH Principal Meridian, McCook County, South Dakota, having been examined, is approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-6, and any amendments thereof.

Adopted this 9th day of December 2025.

Vice-Chair, County Planning Commission
McCook County, South Dakota

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Motion Liesinger, second Dick, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll by Department: 12/06/2025: Commissioners 2183.80, mileage 308.40; Auditor 6325.48; Treasurer 5165.16; States Attorney 3730.38; Custodian 1355.90; Dir of Equalization 4707.71; Register of Deeds 3693.45; Veterans Service Officer 341.40; Sheriff 17126.12; Contract Law 9761.98; Care of Poor 228.92; Welfare 374.15; Extension Secretary 1556.10; Drainage 171.49; Planning & Zoning 671.21. SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield 60.00. A& B Business Solutions, monthly copier lease, 82.97; Alternative HR, December HR services,

5600.00; AutoEx, repairs for 22 Ford Explorer, 77.51; Avera Queen of Peace, blood alcohol services, 274.00; Card Service Center, supplies, postage, fuel, 1354.84; Dare supplies, 543.38; tuition, 771.47; Central Farmers Coop, gas, 49.46; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 690.74; Chesterman Co., bottled water, 99.00; City of Bridgewater, December ambulance appropriation, 3866.66; City of Bridgewater, water for weed spraying, 29.67; City of Canistota, water for weed spraying, 84.00; City of Montrose, water for weed spraying, 25.00; Corporate Translation, translation services, 33.18; Dakota Data Shred, shredding services, 73.07; Davison County Sheriff, November jail services, 6720.00; ESRI, annual software maintenance, 810.00; Mike Fink, November expenses, 473.09; Gessner Welding, repairs, 15.00; Gordon Flesch, monthly copier contract, 33.00; Inter-Lakes Comm Action, December Community Service Worker, 1107.58; Iron Wheel, checked floor heat for sidewalk, 135.00; Larry's Food & Auto, vehicle maintenance, 1142.52; Lauck & Koepsell, drop box install, 153.06; Lewis Drug, prisoner care, 129.95; Maple Valley Communication, 2 video camera systems for law enforcement vehicles, 6690.00; McCook County EMS, December ambulance appropriation, 11559.09; McCook County Treasurer, MV report, 9.00; McLeod's Printing, office supplies, 154.14, warning tickets, 238.54; Charles Mehlbrech, registrations-Growth Summit, 198.00; Microfilm Imaging, scanning equipment, 626.00; Mitchell Regional 911, traffic services, 3347.41; Morgan Law PLLC, court appt attorney for Charlee Yellow Earrings, 1012.00; Morgan Theeler LLP, court appointed attorney for Lovencia Badwound, 2201.15; Cynthia Hansen, 1040.33, Kane Jandreau, 168.00, Celeste Lerew, 695.00, Kane Jandreau, 120.00. Zach Overbey, 569.50; New Century Press, envelopes, 528.31, publishing, 363.27; Peters Distributing, camera & DVR repairs, 373.86; Peterson Repair, vehicle maintenance, 78.73; RBS Sanitation, garbage service-courthouse, 111.46, food pantry, 109.71; Salem City, water & sewer-courthouse, 159.46, food pantry 133.16; Salem Lumber, supplies, 51.23, repairs & labor to 4-H buildings, 76032.43; SD Achieve dba Lifescape, service for 5 residents, 300.00; SD Public Health Laboratory, lab services, 300.00; TNT Tree Service, snow removal, 90.00; Town of Spencer, water for weed spraying, 19.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 694.55; Verizon Wireless, iPad service, 40.01, cell phone service, 397.30; Xcel Energy, utilities-courthouse 562.50, food pantry, 65.22.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 12/06/25: Hwy Dept, 31632.04, cell phone reimbursement, 250.00. Appera, mat & towel rent, 113.27; Auto Value, supplies, 1320.97; Bierschbach Equipment, supplies, 115.88; Butler Machinery, supplies, 14877.42; Card Service Center, supplies, 569.23; Central Farmers Coop, fencing supplies, 25.98, supplies, 9839.28; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract, 155.45; Chesterman, bottled water, 6.00; City of Canistota, water, 15.00; City of Montrose, water, 37.50; Equipment Blades, blades, 600.00; Mac's-SF, supplies, 131.76; McCormick Motors, 2014 Ford, 14139.00; Napa Auto Parts, supplies, 11.46; Pomp's Tire Service, supplies, 154.35; Puthoff Sales & Service, rent post hole digger, 100.00, supplies, 603.78; RBS Sanitation, garbage service, 82.82; Rockmount Research, supplies, 208.13; Ryan's Repair, labor to swap moldboard on motor grader, 1500.00, parts & supplies 183.00; Salem City, water & sewer, 250.25; Salem Lumber, supplies, 251.21; Sioux Falls Truck & Trailer, supplies, 228.72; Spencer Quarries, chips, 16347.30; Stan Houston Equip., supplies, 39.95; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 137.94; Verizon Wireless, cellphone service, 79.74; Xcel Energy, utilities, 444.50.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Active911, subscription renewal, 469.80; Golden West, 911 telephone service, 200.00; Mitchell Regional 911, 4th Qtr. 911 services, 22316.06, capital fee, 750.00; Triotel Communications, telephone service, 173.20.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 12/06/2025: EDS Director 1572.12. AT&T Mobility, EM iPad, 40.04; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 144.80.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 12/06/2025: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 138.24.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 12/06/2025: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 5333.63, Medicare 1247.38; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 5386.00; Wellmark BCBS, county share of health insurance premium, 7092.18.

TOTAL CLAIMS PAID: \$220,076.30.

Motion Liesinger, second Dick, and carried, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2025-16

Whereas insufficient appropriations were made in the 2025 budget to discharge just obligations of said appropriation.

Whereas SDCL 7-21-32.2 provides that transfers may be made by Resolution of the Board from the Contingency appropriation established pursuant to SDCL 7-21-6.1 to other appropriations.

Therefore, be it resolved that appropriation of \$18,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency to the 911 Service Fund.

Dated this 9th day of December 2025.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County

Motion Liesinger to approve an Automatic Supplement of \$76,100 to the County Fair budget to cover building supplies and repairs at the 4-H Fair Grounds; supplement comes from insurance proceeds received due to hail damage. Second Dick. Motion carried.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of November 2025: deposits in banks, \$7,238,480.24; cash to deposit, \$145.62; checks to deposit, \$27,681.05; CC payments, \$1,484.08; cash items (postage) \$9.00; Treasurer's Cash, \$1561.00; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$700,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$7,970,310.99.

Motion Liesinger to enter Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Mark Norris, Sheriff, and Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, were present. Vice-Chair Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

Motion Liesinger to authorize Sheriff Norris to apply for a CJS grant to purchase more security cameras and door locks. The County is responsible for \$7500. Second Dick. Motion carried.

The following building permits were issued in the month of November:

25-095	Darlene D Lauck Rev Trust	Grain Bin	NW4 EX All Portions of the NW4 Which Lie West of Highway 81 & EX~6AC & EX Lots H2 & H3 13-102-55
25-096	Matthew Talbert	40X60 Shop/Garage/Storage	W462' of E1452' of the N742.5' of NE4 4-104-54
25-097	Kathryn M Dailey	New Patio Door	Lot 2 of TR 2A Erikson's Add NE4NE4 14-101-53
25-098	Gerald Buck	20X35 Chicken Barn	Tract 1 Painter's Add In NE4 24-104-54
25-099	Faryna Living Trust	Cold Storage	TR4 Cedar Bluffs Add NE4 22-102-53
25-100	Chantz & Brianna Pederson	Storage Shed/Dog Kennel	S948.86' of W904.14' of SW4 11-101-55

The Commission asked States Attorney Fink to join their meeting. Comm Liesinger asked Fink if McCook County can file a lien against land in Miner County that's being sold by an individual who owes five (5) years of delinquent property taxes plus current year, to McCook County. Fink noted that a lien can't arbitrarily be placed on the land. McCook should begin tax deed process here, if that has not been done yet. Comm Gordon noted that the County has been cited in several past audits because tax deed procedures have not been implemented.

Auditor Sherman presented the 2026 Per Diem Agreement to house youth in both Secure and Non-Secure sections of the Minnehaha County Regional Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) as well as the Shelter Care being operated by Lutheran Social Services, to the Board for approval and signature. The daily rate for JDC will be \$522.02 and Shelter Care at LSS will be \$308.00 per day.

Motion Dick to authorize Vice-Chairman Gordon to sign the agreement. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented notice from the State Court Administrator's Office regarding court appointed attorney rates and mileage for court appointed attorneys. The CAA fee for 2026 is \$122/hour effective January 1, 2026. Mileage remains at the rate of \$1.00/mile.

The November Law Enforcement Report and a report showing the breakdown of calls made and hours worked in each community were noted and filed. County Report: 911 hang-ups 1, accidents 23, animal complaints 4, assists 5, child abuse 1, disturbance 1, DUI 2, investigations 1, motorist assist 2, other 12, theft 1, transport 2, traffic stops 26 (warnings 20 & citations 6).

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, and Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, joined the meeting. Raap informed the Board that Dylan Bossman's employment start date is 1/2/2025. Policy: employees hired within the last six months of the calendar year will be eligible for a wage increase after completing six months of employment with the County. These employees will not receive the year-end increase given to other employees. Because Bossman didn't receive the wage increase for 2025, \$.50/hour needs to be added to his 2026 pay rate, bringing his hourly rate to \$23.50. Motion Dick to approve the additional \$.50/hour for Bossman. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

In other business, Hwy Supt Raap informed the Board that Purple Wave Auction does not charge a commission fee to a seller, instead a fee is charged to the buyer. Board members agreed that the county will consign a few vehicles with Purple Wave Auction.

The Memorandum of Understanding between SDSU and McCook County will be reviewed at the December 23rd meeting when all Commission members are present.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 9th day of December 2025.

Steve Gordon _____
Vice-Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County